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\$250,000 Grant Given Mt. Hermon By Foundation

Pres. Howard L. Rubendall of the Northfield Schools announced Monday that a grant of \$250,000 to Mount Hermon has been made by the Donner Foundation of Philadelphia. The purpose of the grant is to provide scholarships on the basis of need and ability to boys selected by the school with foundation approval.

Three other schools are also receiving \$250,000 each for the same purpose in a total Donner Foundation grant of \$1,000,000. The other three schools are Phillips Academy in Andover, Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, N. H., and The Hill School in Pottstown, Pa.

In June, 1951, these same four schools received \$100,000 each from the Donner Foundation. A second grant in January, 1952, provided the schools \$50,000 each for a period of five years. The current grant will also be used at a rate of \$50,000 a year, beginning with the 1957-58 school year.

Dr. Rubendall announced that 77 boys from all over the nation are receiving help from Donner funds at Mount Hermon during this current school year.

The Donner Foundation was established in 1932 by the late William H. Donner in memory of his son, Joseph. Donner was president of the Donner Steel Corporation which was sold to Republic Steel in 1929. The gift to the schools is in line with the foundation's policy of making awards to aid secondary education and in the preservation of the American way of life. The foundation also makes awards for the study of the less understood diseases. Until 1949, the foundation was devoted solely to the fight against cancer.

Deer Kills

Deer kills have been comparatively light thus far in the season but area hunters are still taking their share. Successful hunters this week are as follows:

Lloyd Szulborski, Northfield Road, Bernardston, 160 pound buck in Bernardston.

Erwin M. Hall, Bridge St., Riverside, Gill, 180 pound buck in Gill.

George V. Parody, Jr., Boyle Rd., Gill, 115 pound doe in Deerfield.

Norman Doane, Center St., Bernardston, 150 pound doe in Bernardston.

Milton Deane, Gill Rd., Bernardston, 100 pound doe on Bald Mountain, Bernardston.

Fred W. Arsenal, Plain Rd., Northfield, 125 pound doe off Old Wendell Road.

Leon Mankowsky, formerly of Northfield, now living in Greenfield, 140 pound doe on Northfield Mountain.

Ralph Mankowsky, brother of Leon, now living in Turners Falls, 120 pound doe, also killed on Northfield Mountain.

Charles Grant, Cross St., Bernardston, 75 pound buck in Bernardston.

Paul H. Carpenter of Northfield, 85 pound doe in Northfield. Carpenter had previously got a spikehorn buck of 115 pounds in Vermont on the first day of the season there.

Ronald Quinlan of the Navy at Patuxent River Air Base, also of Bernardston, 100 pound buck in Bernardston.

William H. Braman, 76 of Summer St., West Acton, was wounded slightly but continued the hunt after treatment by Dr. Samuel Footnick of Orange. Braman's gun discharged when he slipped and fell while walking through the woods in Northfield early Monday morning. He walked to the doctor's office without any assistance.

March of Dimes Quota Is \$550

The March of Dimes quota for Northfield has been set at \$550. Supt. F. Sumner Turner will again head the campaign in the school union towns. Fifty per cent of the total collected in the union will be sent to national headquarters for distribution throughout the country. The other half will be used for needs in Franklin county.

The quotas set for other area towns are as follows: Gill, \$225; Bernardston, \$370, and Warwick, \$150. John Comins, treasurer of the county chapter, told town chairmen during the recent pre-campaign meeting that \$18,000 is needed for the continuation of the work in Franklin County alone. Since fifty per cent will be sent to the national headquarters, this means that at least \$36,000 should be collected. Quotas were set in accordance with peak year collections in each town.

F. Sumner Turner Speaks at Meeting

Superintendent of Schools F. Sumner Turner spoke at the Franklin County School Committee association meeting held Monday evening at the Greenfield high school. He was a member of a panel discussion among superintendents which dealt with various subjects affecting school departments and ways in which school committees may do a more effective job toward serving the community's educational needs.

Supt. Turner cited the difficulties experienced in establishing a regional school. A large committee of fifty persons was appointed, he said, and this large number of citizens had an influence over other residents of the community who ultimately favored the regional plan.

At the meeting, Albert H. Stoddard, Jr., of Warwick was elected president to succeed J. Allen Bixby of New Salem.

Others elected Monday evening were Richard Guy of Turners Falls, vice president; Mrs. Howard P. Cross of Buckland, secretary, and Mrs. Linda Boyden of Conway, treasurer. Elected directors were Bixby, Mrs. Helen Roberts of Greenfield and James H. Cromack of Colrain.

The nominating committee included Mrs. Elsie N. Center of Greenfield, chairman, Mrs. Carol Malone of Heath, Mrs. Eleanor Kamys of Leverett and Mrs. Edward Warner of Sunderland.

Participating in the panel were Supt. Frederick W. Porter of Greenfield, William J. Elgar of New Salem, Philip M. Hallowell of Shelburne Falls, F. Sumner Turner of Northfield, C. Warren Osborne of South Deerfield and Arthur E. Burke of Turners Falls. Ralph A. Lawrence, supervisor of secondary education in Greenfield, acted as moderator.

Pilgrim Fellowship Meets Here Sunday With 25 Attending

The Pilgrim Fellowship meeting at Trinitarian Congregational church last Sunday was led by James Prescott. About 25 members were present at the meeting. After the meeting boxes of clothing were packed by those who remained. The boxes are for Hungarian refugees. More boxes will be filled within a few weeks. Present at the meeting were the Rev. and Mrs. Joseph W. Reeves and Miss Marian Allen.

Because of the vesper service at the Northfield School for Girls the meeting scheduled for this Sunday has been cancelled.

Salary Schedule Being Set Up For Regional H. S.

The school board has taken preliminary steps to establish a salary schedule and to select a faculty for grades 7-12 in the new Pioneer Valley Regional school. The committee met at Center school and adopted formally a budget and heard a report on progress of the school building. The net 1957 budget will total \$118,478 with \$57,108 for capital outlay and \$61,478 for operating expenses. Northfield's share of this cost is \$67,065. By the middle of February the selection of a principal should be announced and by April 15 an announcement of faculty choices will be made. Supt. F. Sumner Turner invited the assistance of the committee in drawing up specifications for school equipment. The committee will be divided in January into smaller groups which will concentrate on the particular details which they are best suited to handle. The next meeting will be Dec. 13 in Warwick.

WHA! Music Director Speaks To Fortnightly

Norman C. Cloutier, music director at Radio Station WHA! Greenfield, will speak on "Christmas Music on Radio" at the Fortnightly meeting today at 3 p.m. at Alexander Hall. Cloutier will bring with him a hi-fi recorder and will play and discuss Christmas records at the meeting.

Cloutier was staff conductor for NBC from 1937 to 1950 and before that was with WTIC. He has recorded various symphonies as well as other types of music.

Bookmobile Dates

The bookmobile of the state division of library extension visited the Riverside school in Gill and the Warwick school yesterday. Today, the bookmobile visits the Bernardston school, the Gill Consolidated school, and, at 3:30 p.m., at the home of Mrs. A. E. Holton for Northfield.

Hey, You Up There!

Manager Frank Turner of the Northfield AA is looking for some tall players to try out for the AA basketball team. The first game will be Monday with the Turners Falls VFW in the Montague Basketball league at Hibernian hall. The Northfield team has been practising and will be ready but height is still needed on the team.

Church School Is Well Attended

About 60 persons were present at the Trinitarian Congregational church school meeting last Monday night. Mrs. F. H. Mosse, Sunday school superintendent, organized the meeting which was opened by the Rev. Joseph Reeves with a devotional period. Light refreshments were served during a get-acquainted time. Reports on the school curriculum were given by Mrs. Margaret Lombard of the nursery department, Mrs. Ruth Hurlburt of the primary department, Mrs. Reeves of the junior department, and Mrs. Eleanor Schouler of the junior high department.

The parents and teachers were divided into three groups and questions for discussion were handed around. The questions were related to problems in the church school and responses of the groups were brought back to the closing part of the meeting. A film strip, "Protestant Heritage," was shown.

Frank S. Beveridge, School Benefactor, Dies



Frank S. Beveridge

Frank Stanley Beveridge, 77, of Westfield, one of Mount Hermon School's most noted and generous alumni, died Tuesday after a week's illness. Founder of Stanley Home Products, Inc., and benefactor to many philanthropic causes, he gave Mount Hermon funds which made possible the school's new recitation hall bearing his name.

Born in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, April 7, 1879, son of Henry and Hannah Beveridge, he came to Northfield alone when a boy, hoping to earn enough money here to attend an agricultural school in Canada. He worked at the Northfield Seminary farm and later became houseboy for Mrs. Ambert Moody.

Through Mrs. Moody and others, he became interested in being educated here. He was graduated from Mount Hermon School in 1904.

He sold stereopticon viewers for Underwood and Underwood and joined the Fuller Brush Co. in 1913 as a door-to-door salesman. Beveridge rose to vice president in charge of sales with Fuller and founded his own firm, the multi-million-dollar Stanley Home Products in Westfield, in 1931. In 1950 his firm's business gross passed that of Fuller.

Among the honors he had received were the Mount Hermon Alumni Award, honorary doctorates from Colgate University and American International College, honorary master's degree from Springfield College and the Horatio Alger Award.

He was a trustee of the Northfield Schools, president of the Mount Hermon Alumni Association, chairman of the Mount Hermon Board of Alumni Counsellors, an officer of three banks, SPCC branch director and a benefactor of the local schools, many Protestant and Catholic churches, Noble hospital and scouting.

During the early part of this decade, Mr. Beveridge gave about \$170,000 to Mount Hermon school toward the cost of a new recitation hall, which was named in his honor. He has also contributed freely to the schools on an annual basis.

For several years, he had sponsored the nation-wide radio broadcasting of the Northfield Schools' annual Sacred Concert. He also gave the widely known carillon chimes emplaced in Memorial chapel tower at Mount Hermon.

A short carillon memorial service was conducted under the Beveridge chimes at Mount Hermon Wednesday and a formal carillon memorial service is being planned for later in the term.

Mr. Beveridge leaves his widow, the former Theresa Burdick; two daughters, Mrs. Philip Caswell, Jr., of Springfield and Mrs. Joseph Palmer of Longmeadow, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Private funeral services were conducted today at the Episcopal church of the Atonement in Springfield. A memorial service followed at the First Methodist church in Springfield. Burial was in Pine Hill cemetery there.

Scout News

Eighteen girls were at the Scout meeting Monday night. The Christmas party will be held at the Little House Dec. 19. Older girls will also be at the party, coming right after school. There will be a supper and then those present will go Christmas caroling. Mrs. Walbridge, Mrs. Johnson and Cindy Thompson were the leaders present at the meeting. Carol Lombard, Troop Scribe.

Town Meeting Next Monday

Warrants are posted for a special town meeting Monday, Dec. 10, at 8:00 p.m. in the town hall.

Article 1—To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$400 for the preparation of an official map of the town for the use of the Planning Board, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 2—To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$600 for preparation of adequate maps for the use of the assessors, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Civic Council Discusses Coming Town Meeting

Chief topics of discussion at a meeting of the Civic council in town hall Wednesday were proposals to provide official maps for the board of assessors and for the planning board. F. Sumner Turner, superintendent of schools, discussed the regional high school and local school budgets for next year now under consideration. There will not be much reduction of the Northfield budget because the present high school building will be used to accommodate elementary grades.

At the special town meeting called for Dec. 10 two articles relating to the proposal for maps will be voted on. \$400 will be asked for preparation of a map for the planning board and \$600 for preparation of maps for assessors.

Basketball Team Being Rebuilt By Ray Buell

Coach Ray Buell at Northfield High school is doing a complete rebuilding job with the basketball team this year as there are no veterans returning and all players saw little action last year. The nucleus of the team is the three players who were on last year's Junior Varsity team. The opening game for the team will be at Sanderson academy one week from today.

Here are some of the possible starters:

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The Editorial "We"

Readers of this and other editorial columns in newspapers and magazines must at times have become somewhat confused over the use of the pronoun "we" which pops up from time to time when it seems to mean "I," and at other times, when it seems to mean what it says, "we." As this writer is acutely aware of engaging in a very lonely and strictly personal endeavor while pounding out the 800 or so words which add up to this column, we (I) also sometimes wonder why we (I) use the word "we" when we (I) mean I.

Maybe it is strictly habit. Other editorial writers do so, so we (I) do. Still, it occurs to "us" (me) that this business of "we" ought to be settled.

The use of the word "we" really isn't a silly desire to hide behind some anonymous guy's shirttails when expressing an opinion . . . though as most opinions are usually objected to by someone, the tendency to avoid authorship is perhaps a normal one. We (I) are well aware by this time that most people have caught on to the fact that what we (I) say here is strictly the opinion of that so-and-so Stryker who ought to know better, so we (I) realize that it is impossible to hide, even if it seems like a good idea, especially when dealing with controversial matters.

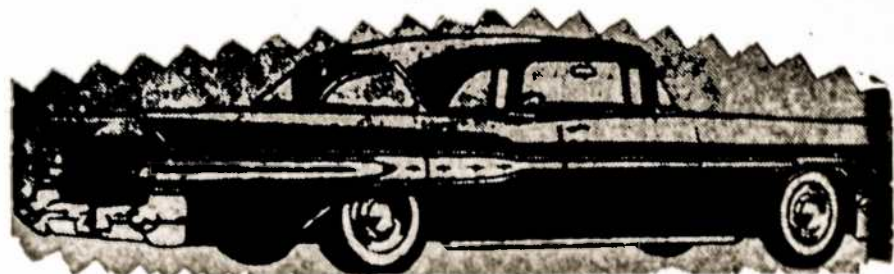
Rather, the use of the term "we" can better be attributed to the explanation given by the dictionary, as being used by editors and other writers to keep an impersonal character, or to avoid the egotistical sound of a repeated I."

So "we" used here is really grammatical, even if it does seem nonsensical and we intend to keep on using it for the above two reasons, even though we think the New Year is a good time to come right out in the open and confess "we" are. For further reference, for better or for worse, as the case may be, "we" are the person listed at the top of this column as "publisher" of this paper. We alone are responsible although we freely admit that our good "editor" listed above) sometimes comes to the rescue and keeps us from going completely haywire before "our" (my) words get into print. Not always, apparently, for there seems to be a fair number of readers who think we are consistently haywire. However, we trust that is purely relative, and have the fond hope that we aren't quite as haywire as other columns we see in print, whether "we" columns, "I" columns, anonymous writings or signed ones . . .

For our part, we do not pretend to be infallible, and we certainly do not always expect to be agreed with. But we do expect to be given credit for being sincere and honest. We will never deliberately try to fool our readers about any matter, or take a strictly partisan attitude which is not in our opinion, in the best interests of the majority of the community or the state or the nation.

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Through a Kitchen Window

The face of the fields and woods has changed now that the weather is colder. Most of the same plants are there but they look different. Many of the animals and insects that were there are no longer to be seen. Changes take place all around us, and one of the most striking is that water comes to the earth in the form of snow while earlier it probably came as water.

Our permanent resident birds—chickadees, nuthatches, downy and hairy woodpeckers, blue jays and crows are active all through the winter. Encourage your bird friends to come to the cafeteria you have provided for them, and keep it stocked with a variety of food. Take note of personal bird preference. See if they like sunflower seeds, squash seeds, raisins, peanut butter, suet, cake and bread crumbs, or your own special formula.

We winterize our homes. Trees too make special preparations to withstand the cold. Some of the buds are varnished with a waterproof covering that helps to guard against the sudden changes in temperature. Some are lined with down or wool, poor conductors of cold and heat, and this acts the same as the underfur of animals.

Some animals become dormant after they move into their winter quarters, some are true hibernators, and others are light sleepers. These latter rouse now and then and may even venture out on mild days. Watch for them.

Some of the four-footed animals will continue to lead active lives. Some we may not see now, for frequently their journeys are confined to the dark hours. But when the snow lies clean and white on the ground these creatures leave their calling cards—footprints for all to see.

Did you notice this past fall how the little chipmunks worked diligently to store up a food supply? They retired to their nests in November and not much is seen of them till spring. Occasionally

one will venture out, as chipmunks are light sleepers.

If you have a brook or pond close by notice the activity in the water. Life is rather sluggish there, but you may still find some frogs and salamanders that winter in brooks and ponds close to the bottom. A stick gently probing the mud in our pond will generally locate a little object that hates to be disturbed.

Do you know the Tree-of-Heaven? It seems to prefer backyards of almost all crowded eastern cities, and thrives in the railroad yards in spite of all obstacles. It is so vigorous that it survives in cities where no other tree could exist. The fruits of this *Ailanthus*, winged like the maple and ash, hang in bulky rustling clusters. Look for them.

Have you noticed cocoons hanging from the branches of trees or shrubs? These overcoats beautifully formed are the winter homes of moths. These warm blankets shelter the insect till spring and the warming sun touches life inside. Moth larvae may spin cocoons of silk intermingled with hairs, or some may pull leaves together around them, fastening the petioles of the leaves firmly to the branch with threads of silk, where they sway and dangle in the wind.

Look for ferns that are evergreen. We have several species here that pass the winter in the green stage. Other ferns may

have shriveled and dried but their fruiting fronds stand stiff and interesting, and might be just the thing to pluck for that winter bouquet.

You can find small evergreen woody plants like the partridgeberry and wintergreen in sheltered spots. Some may be used in fish-bowl gardens and some may be left for the game birds. The bright red berries add color and distinction to the woodland carpet.

Juncos and tree sparrows visit us in flocks now having migrated down from the colder north. Weed seeds by the roadside and garden are grist for these sprightly creatures. Take time to watch just how a tree sparrow maneuvers a weed seed head to get the most for the least effort.

How many winter rosettes have you found? Dandelions, thistles, dock, primrose, mullein and teasel all have clusters of leaves close to the ground that remain green all winter, ready with a supply of food when spring growth takes place. What others have you discovered in your garden, fields or roadside?

"Nothing that we or other living things have ever done has greatly affected the yearly changes in our climate. To these, we and other living things that live here must adjust, in one way or another." And we do.

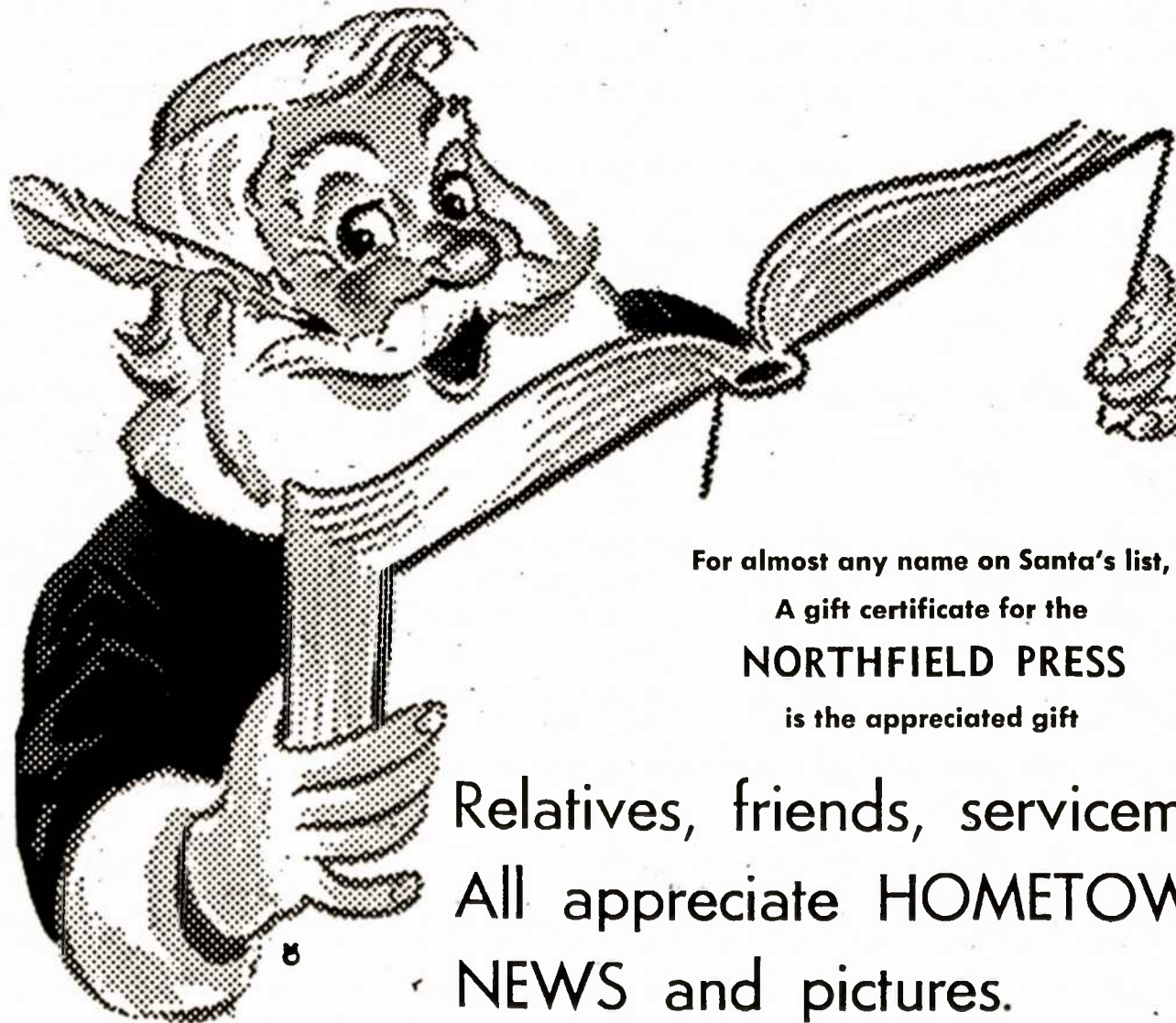
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Social and Personal News Notes of the Northfield Area

On December 3 a son was born to the Richard Boltions in Arvada, Colorado, a suburb of Denver. The child is a grandson of the Fred Boltions and great-grandson of Mrs. Lena Bolton and Mrs. Fred Doolittle. Living in the same town of Arvada are two other Northfield people, John and Emily Kirk Addison who both teach there.

Mrs. Robert St. Clair, who moved to Orono, Maine, this school year while her husband is interim professor of economics at the University of Maine, has just undergone her third major operation in the past two years. She is at the Eastern Maine General hospital in Bangor.

The Northfield-Turners Falls-Gill neighborhood meeting of the Franklin County Girl Scout council will meet at Mt. Hermon Social hall at 7:30 December 11.

This is Food Week for Bud Dresser, local barber. He shot a deer and won a big turkey at the stag night party at Wilson's store in Greenfield.

Dick Field, Howard B. Call and Paul H. Carpenter have shot deer.

The date of the next Garden club meeting has been changed from Dec. 10 to Dec. 17.

Work on the Unitarian vestry will be done on Saturday afternoon with the hope of finishing the job in time for Christmas festivities.

On Monday evening, Dec. 10, there will be the annual Sunday school Christmas supper and par-

ty beginning at 6:30. All families of the pupils are invited to come and bring a hot dish or salad. Santa Claus is expected during the evening.

The annual Christmas Bazaar will be held at James Gymnasium on the Mount Hermon campus Saturday, from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. The proceeds will be divided equally between the Gill elementary school and Todd Duncan, alumnus of Mount Hermon school. The co-chairmen of this affair are William H. Morrow and Mrs. Axel B. Forslund.

On Dec. 6 Mrs. Bertha Rickert and Mrs. Pearl Allen went to the Leeds hospital in Northampton to help wrap gifts for the patients to send to their families.

Mrs. George Hillock of Northfield has received word of the birth of a grandson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Williams of Greenfield.

One of the local churches has a 20-40 club and Northfield needs a 90-100 club for all its residents who have slipped over the 90 mark. One of the eligible members would be Mrs. Bessie Symonds of Highland Avenue who celebrated her 95th birthday on Dec. 6 with a tea party. She was born in Stratton, Vt., married William Symonds, Y.M.C.A. worker in Keene and Toronto. After his death in 1902 she came here for a while and then became house mother at Springfield International College, and later in Rockefeller hall at Mt. Holyoke College. She retired in 1915 and built her present home. Chief among her blessings is the fact that her sister, Bertha Lazelle, who has been away from home since August 15 with a broken hip, has returned to her home next door.

Mrs. Winthrop Spencer of the Farms has lost a valuable watch and will appreciate it greatly if the finder notifies her.

F. Sumner Turner, head of School Union No. 21, will again head the March of Dimes drive in the towns included in this Union.

Rev. Lester White of Mt. Hermon was the speaker at the Tuesday evening supper of the Unitarian Men's club.

Mrs. George Sheldon received a telegram from her husband Sunday saying he had flown safely to San Diego, Cal., to meet his daughter and drive East with her.

Mrs. Ruth Sheldon Root's husband has gone on Pacific duty for several months on the aircraft carrier Shangri La, and so she is returning to her home here about December 12.

Miss Patricia Leach will begin her 18-months course of study at Boston Dispensary Monday instead of in February as planned. Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Leach motored to Boston Wednesday to visit the school and see Franklin Square House where their daughter will live.

Dec. 10 at 7:30 Walter Oliver, recently active in New Jersey politics, will speak at the Baptist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Fisher visited their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Niles Stone, and then they visited another daughter and her husband, the Alan Williamsons of East Longmeadow.

Fifty new children's books have been received at the Dickinson library.

The typewriting class taught by M. C. Brown at the high school held a gay pie and coffee graduation party Thursday evening with husbands and wives of students participating.

The Civic Council will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the town hall.

The Men's Club Layman's League will hold a supper and social at the Unitarian church Tuesday. Rev. F. Slater spoke in Amherst Unitarian church Sunday.

Last Wednesday evening a paint party was conducted by the West Northfield "Good Neighbors" in Alexander Hall. Mrs. Gertrude Marshall of Orange demonstrated painting on cloth and each mem-

ber was given a handkerchief to design and take home.

On Saturday Miss Virginia A. Koshinsky, daughter of Mrs. Walter Tompkins of S. Vernon and John Koshinsky of Springfield, married Lawrence Arnold Whitaker in the Advent Christian church with Rev. Everett Moore officiating. Walter Tompkins gave the bride away.

Milford W. Atwood went to Chicago Nov. 23 with two others from this county to attend the national 4-H Club Congress, a delegate from Gill and Deerfield. They returned home Dec. 1.

On returning to his office today after a week-long conference in Washington of the U. S. Savings Bond division, Edward M. Powell reported that a number of high government officials stressed the seriousness of the present situation and the importance of savings bonds in maintaining our economic stability in this critical period. Among those who addressed the bond representatives were Secretary of the Treasury George Humphrey and Under-Secretary Randolph Burgess, F. H. Mueller, assistant secretary of commerce; Arthur Larsen, under-secretary of labor, and Admiral Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff.

Mrs. Eda Brown of Woodland, Maine, is a guest of her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. M. Carleton Brown of East Northfield.

Harmony Lodge of Masons met in regular communication Wednesday evening, Nov. 28, at the

Lodge hall on Parker Avenue. Twenty-four members and six visitors attended. Rt. Wor. George H. Sheldon, district deputy grand master for the 14th Masonic district, made a fraternal visit to the lodge.

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OBITUARIES

Louis Carter

Louis Carter, 89, of Warwick Avenue died last Friday at the home of his son, Raymond Carter. He was born on July 10, 1867, in Plattsburgh, N. Y. He was the son of Joseph and Kate (Lamour) Carter. He had been living with his son for the past ten years.

He leaves his son, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held Monday at 9 a.m. with a high Mass of requiem at the Immaculate Conception church in Rutland, Vt. Burial was in Horton Cemetery, Chittenden, Vt.

James E. Lyons

James E. Lyons, Jr., died Thursday at the Massachusetts General hospital in Boston following an operation. He had lived in Boston for the past two and a half years but for many years was a frequent visitor at the home of the late Mrs. Annie Baker of this city. Funeral services will be held here Monday. He was born Aug. 10, 1924, at Colon, Canal Zone, Panama, the son of the late James Edwards and Mrs. Melba (Baker) Lyons.

He leaves his mother, Mrs. Lyons, now of Springfield, a brother, Ralph, of Boston, two half-brothers, Clarence J. and Robert E. Fuller of Springfield; also three half-sisters, Mrs. Lourene Burrows of Claremont, N. H., Mrs. Janet F. Burner of Springfield and Miss Patricia Fuller of Pittsfield.

Funeral services Monday will be at the Kidder Funeral home with the Rev. Everett Moore, pastor of the Advent Christian church of South Vernon officiating. Burial will follow at the Green River cemetery in Greenfield. Friends may call at the Kidder funeral home from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 Sunday.

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New Books at Library

The Dickinson Memorial library observed "National Book Week" with an exhibit of about 50 new books loaned by the Library Book House. Over a hundred bookmarks were made and distributed to the school children who visited the library by Mrs. Phelps, librarian, and her assistant, Mrs. Cook.

Recent new books include: "Of Whales and Women" by Gilbreth; "The Long Walk" by Rawicz; "The Inside Story" by Donovan; "I Chose a Parson" by Stark; "The New World," which is volume two of a History of the English Speaking Peoples, by Churchill; "A Gentle Knight" by Cannon; "The Nun's Story" by Hulme; "Roll Shenandoah" by Lancaster; "Tolbecken" by Shellabarger; and "Summerhills" by Stevenson.

Recent gifts to the library are: "Men and Gardens" by Fairbrother, given by Mrs. Virginia Haack and her sister, Mrs. Adele Haynes, in memory of their mother, Mrs. Adele Schulz. "This Fascinating Lumber Business" by Horn, presented by the Misses Piccolo and Elton in memory of Glossie G. Bentley. Walter Fisher gave eighteen recent mystery stories which have been well received by mystery fans.

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Selectmen Attend Boston Conference

Robert Barnes and Walter Stang of Northfield were among the 400 public officials who attended a pre-inaugural meeting with Governor-elect Foster Furcolo in Boston last Saturday.

Mr. Furcolo assured the group of officials that he wanted to see the governor's conferences continue and to participate in them. The conference was instituted by Governor Herter in 1952 to foster understanding of problems of each level of government, their relationships, their interdependency and an appreciation of each other's problems.

It was made evident by all the speakers that education costs will continue to rise because of the expanding population. Commissioner of Education John J. Desmond said the expanding population is good because it makes for better business which creates a condition where taxpayers are able to support these increasing needs.

Dr. Desmond cautioned, however, that the public is entitled to have school money spent in an economical way so the town will get as much as possible for each dollar spent. He stated that there has been a 142% increase in support of schools in the last ten years—this does not include money spent for new buildings—and that cost of support will double in the next ten years.

General agreement was evident from speakers' and audience remarks and reaction that there is real need for substantial additional state aid on a new formula to lessen the tax burden on real estate. A suggestion from a member of the audience was that the state not only set a uniform salary scale for all teachers in the state but that it also pay teachers' salaries.

This would accomplish two things, the speaker said. Towns would be relieved of the largest single cost of education and it would put an end to competition within the state for teachers' services.

Drawbacks to this system were not mentioned. General agreement was evident both from the speakers' and audience remarks that federal aid in Massachusetts was opposed.

That school committees have what amounts to almost complete independence of action (the state imposes but few directives on the committees although education is a function of the state since it is not provided for in the Constitution of the United States) was made clear by Honore E. Savaria of West Springfield, former president of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees. He suggested, however, that it was desirable to have an enlightened spirit of cooperation between the town and school administrations.

Town Manager Allen Torrey of Amherst in speaking on his assigned topic, "Relations of Municipal and School Administrations," suggested that although the school committees have fiscal independence but no responsibility for raising money budgeted, there are a number of areas in which the citizen can influence school

Historical Society Meets

The Northfield Historical society met at the home of Miss Amy Hamilton Tuesday night and re-elected all officers of the society at the annual meeting.

Miss Elsie Scott was re-elected president; Miss Mabel Shields, secretary and clerk; Hubert Eastman, treasurer; George Carr, auditor; Mrs. Harold Carroll, curator, and Miss Fanny Stockbridge, Mrs. Carroll Mrs. Maude Wood, Miss Shields; Hubert Eastman, George Carr and Willis Parker were named to the board of directors.

A review of the book, "The Rangers," was given by Miss Stockbridge. The book was written by Judge Daniel Thompson in 1851 as a sequel to his "Green Mountain Boys" of 1839. This book is one of 40 old books given the society's museum on Pine Street by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Holton.

Refreshments were served at the meeting by Miss Hamilton and Miss Daisy Holton. Sixteen members of the society were present.

Bernardston Notes

Bernardston's "Make and Bake" and "Happy Cookers and Stitchers" 4-H clubs met Tuesday at the elementary school with 21 present. They rehearsed their Christmas program, to be held Dec. 13 at 7 p.m., at the Grange hall. All three 4-H clubs will take part. Wednesday, members of the "Happy Cookers and Stitchers" met at the home of Mrs. Donald Bishop of Brattleboro Rd., where they made biscuits. They will meet next week at the home of Mrs. Edward Davis of Bald Mountain Rd.

The Bernardston Cub Scouts were presented their charter at a ceremony Monday evening at the elementary school. The Cubs were organized last June. Institutional representative, Ellis Franklin, accepted the charter from Robert Varley of the Hampshire Franklin Council with Cubmaster James O'Leary in attendance. About 70 parents and scouts attended the ceremony which was followed by skits given by the four dens. The four dens were represented by 30 Cub Scouts, all of whom took part in the program.

Cubmaster James O'Leary is assisted by Duane Bliss. The pack committee is composed of the following: Calvin Clark, chairman; Charles Page, Karl Merz, Wendell Streeter, William Petrink, Hurlburt Denison and Earl Kemp.

Northfield's Den 2 Cub Scouts began work on Christmas gifts for their parents at a meeting this week at the home of Mrs. Berton Rogers, den mother, assisted by Roger Reed, den chief. Robert Huber has transferred to another den where his mother will be assisting. Refreshments were served at the meeting.

expenditures—land purchases for schools are made by selectmen upon approval and appropriation by town meeting; entering into regional schools agreements is by a referendum of the town; the school budget is voted at town meeting—this is a mere formality, as the town, by law, must accept a school budget. Nevertheless, it holds the school budget up for scrutiny by the town; and, of course, school committee members are chosen by the voters and responsible to them.

Northfield Men in the News

Three men associated with Northfield have been in the news this week. On December 3 and 4 there was a dinner and a luncheon in New York City to celebrate the 100th birthday of Dr. A. J. Brown, who has previously been written up in magazines and newspapers. Both the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions and the Carnegie Peace Union gave publicity to these celebrations this week. In the last number of *Look*, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale answers one of the questions put to him with a story about D. L. Moody, and in the magazine section of the New York Times on Sunday there was an article noting the fact that Moody started in Chicago 100 years ago this fall. In the Dec. 7 copy of *Collier's* there is this information: "The full-length mystery in this issue is one of hundreds of stories Hugh Pentecost has had published in his fifty-three years. Born in Northfield, Massachusetts, he now lives in Falls Village, Connecticut . . . he reveals, 'I also write under the name of Judson Philips which happens to be my real name. Pentecost is my middle name from my great uncle, Hugh Pentecost, a well-known socialist leader of half a century ago.'"

An interesting sidelight on this mystery-writer's remarks is that at the time of his birth, here in Northfield, everyone understood that he was named for both grandfathers. Judson was the middle name of Arthur Judson Philips, his paternal grandfather, head of the music department of the Northfield Seminary for many years and for whom the auditorium in Music hall is named. His mother was Frederica Pentecost, whose father was a renowned

preacher in the English-speaking world. The mystery in this story is Hugh Pentecost!

The Pilgrim Fellowship will not meet at the Congregational church next Sunday evening as the group will attend the Christmas concert at the Northfield School for Girls.

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Cub Scout News

A pack meeting was conducted by Cub Scouts at town hall recently and all six Dens took part in the program.

Den 1 put on a puppet show for the audience.

Den 2 had charge of the flag ceremony opening the meeting and had a roll call skit. Dean Vinton received his Wolf badge and gold arrow; Gary Clark received a gold and silver star and Michael Edson received his Wolf badge and a gold and silver star.

Den 3 had charge of the closing ceremony and a cub song. Thad Bistrek received a gold and silver arrow; Frederick Given and James Caron received their Wolf badges, and Dave Rogers received a gold arrow.

Den 4 demonstrated games. Theodore Forrest won his bobcat badge; James Anderson, Billy Persons and William Forrest, Wolf badges and gold arrows; Ronnie Tie, Norman Phelps and David Dale, bear badges; Ronnie Tie, silver arrow; William Forrest, three silver arrows; Chris Sheldon, gold arrow; Ronnie Tie, gold and silver arrow, and David Dale, two silver arrows.

Den 5 put on a puppet skit. Walter Wizniak and Gilbert Fuller received Wolf badges; Steven Curtis, gold and two silver arrows; Danny Goodwin, two silver arrows; Winston Parker, gold and silver arrow.

Den 6 also put on a puppet skit. Steven Jones earned his bobcat badge; Steven True, Wolf badge and gold and silver arrows; Scott Sanderson, Dell Ingram and Bob Schouler, Wolf badges, and Robert Livingston, gold arrow.



Students relaxing in the living room at Mira B. Wilson dormitory at Northfield School for Girls. The doors at the right of the picture open out towards Round Top.

Herald-Tribune Reporter Pays Tribute To Mount Hermon

The following article, from the New York Herald Tribune, is reprinted by permission:

By Al Laney

Mount Hermon, Mass., Oct. 23—Mount Hermon School for Boys, which sets upon its mountainside here and looks out across the Connecticut river toward its sister institution, Northfield School for Girls, has a great deal in common with Kent School on the banks of the Housatonic down in Connecticut.

Both were founded by ministers and both have carried the work program for boys farther than any other schools and with remarkable success. And yet Mount Hermon is very different from Kent, and this difference is immediately apparent. It is, to begin with, much larger, with about 550 boys, and the very fact of its close association with the Northfield school, actually only five miles away, makes all the difference. It is unlikely any other school is able to provide its boys so natural and so fine a social life as this association affords.

Mount Hermon is the school which Dwight Moody founded in 1881 at the height of his fame as an evangelist in this country and Great Britain. He had already founded two years earlier the girl's school under the name of Northfield Seminary, and both schools long since have been combined under one board of trustees.

Christian Philosophy

Besides picking wonderful locations for his schools, Mr. Moody endowed them with something beyond money, namely, the Christian philosophy of life, the appreciation of high scholastic attainment, the dignity of labor and democratic community living. Mount Hermon's scholastic standing is unquestioned and reemphasized by its graduates each year. And every boy gives ten hours of work each week, including chores on the school dairy farm.

The school is heavily endowed and, with a fee of only \$950, probably is less expensive than any other school of its high standing. This is partly because the boys do all or most of the work, but it is a Mount Hermon policy that its advantages be offered to as many worthy boys as possible regardless of financial status.

Because of these and other qualities, Mount Hermon presents an open face to the visitor. It is an especially friendly place, concealing nothing, and the atmosphere is one of good, wholesome, solid work, both manual and intellectual. By way of physical equipment the school has most of the things found at other schools and, like them, it also has intangibles hard to define.

Its insistence on work by all, in classroom and out of it, does not shut out considerable concentration on those other more spiritual values about which secondary schools like to boast. They are here in full measure and on top of all is the part the girls from Northfield play in the school life.

Dancing After Games

The girls join with the boys at many points of extra-curricular activity and this is especially effective in such things as the combined dramatic societies and the combined chorus of 1,000 voices. And, of course, the girls all come to Mount Hermon's home football games and stick around for an hour or so of informal dancing before going back across the river. Likewise, the boys have frequent "escort" privileges.

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Shower in Warwick

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Kiwanis Club Sees Fishing Pictures

The Northfield Kiwanis club met Monday evening at the Valley Vista Inn with 26 members present. The meeting was opened with a blessing offered by Stan Powers. The club was led in singing by Sumner Turner.

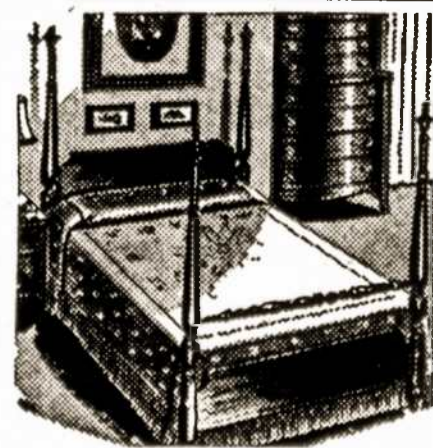
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ladzinski showed fishing pictures. The club celebrated the birthdays of Ed and Tom Hurley. Ray Thompson was a guest at the meeting.



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High School News Notes

Brenda Slater, Grade 8

Two more new students were added to the growing enrollment on Tuesday morning. They are Madelyn Webber in grade seven and Judith Webber in grade eight. These girls come to Northfield High from Lebanon, Maine. They, with their family, have moved into the Arthur Bolton house in West Northfield. The school is happy to welcome these girls and their family to Northfield.

Two assemblies were held yesterday. One was for the students of grades seven and eight and the other was for the upper classes. The speaker was Miss Purcell, educational service representative of John H. Breck, Inc., of Springfield. Miss Purcell spoke to the students on the subject of "Good Grooming." She emphasized the proper techniques and healthful aspects of the care of the hair and scalp. She answered the many questions that were asked her by

the students.

This morning a short assembly was conducted in the home rooms for the purpose of hearing campaign talks by two of the seniors who are candidates for the Good Government Day representative from Northfield High school. Each year at this time, all the high schools in the state carry on a program for the selection of a school representative and an alternate, to go to Boston in March to represent their schools on the day when the government of the state is taken over by high school students.

Nomination papers for this office were taken out by Rita Gibson and David Amsden.

Both students had their papers filled out by the required fifteen students. Miss Gibson had Martha Parsons as her campaign manager and Mr. Amsden secured the services of Margaret Streeter, a sophomore, as his campaign manager.

The candidates and their managers have been going over plans and campaign strategy to assure themselves of a victory in the election.

An official election for the winner was conducted during the noon hour today. All students in the high school were given the opportunity to vote. The winner will be announced before the close of school.

Sixteen students with written permission from their parents were absent from school on Monday in a vain attempt to shoot deer. The stories that were told on Tuesday were many and varied and were filled with as many "if's" as one hears from the proverbial fisherman. Hope still lives with many, as they plan to get in a few hours each day or a full day on Saturday.

The nine girls in the senior class took the "Betty Crocker test" in search for the "homemaker of Tomorrow." The test consisted of a 35 minute objective section in practical problems dealing with the young homemaker of

Bernardston Notes Book Week

National Book Week was observed last week with the sixth grade having a large display in the north showcase at the Elementary School. New books purchased by Cushman Library were on display and are now available at the public library.

The first grade again received the thrift banner with 10 per cent participating.

The opaque projector has been repaired and was used this week by Grade 4 to show pictures made by the pupils.

Mrs. Ruby North of Greenfield substituted for Mrs. Audrey Phelps, Grade 3, while she visited her daughter and family in Akron, O.

Richard Koshinsky of Couchbrook Road is moving to Greenfield with his family and will attend North Parish School.

Gladys Bardwell and Judith Davis, Grade 5, had charge of morning exercises this week.

The kindergarten has a new tricycle.

Movies shown to Grades 4-6 were "Choosing Books to Read," "Somewhere in India" and "The Feather Serpent," on Mexico.

today and a 10 minute essay section on the "Homemaker of Tomorrow." Each high school senior class girl has the opportunity to take this test. Each school will have a winner who will receive a special pin signifying that she is the "homemaker" of her school. She becomes eligible for entrance in the state contest. State winners will go to Washington. National winners receive scholarships ranging up to \$5000.

The magazine prizes won by students in our recent campaign were distributed on Tuesday. The school party will be held soon after the beginning of the new year.

Some people have begun to receive their magazines but others may not receive them for a few weeks to come.

Basketball Team Being Rebuilt By Coach Buell

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ed as the starting center for the Sanderson game. He is a senior and has been outstanding in recent court sessions.

—Lewis Starkey—another varsity soccer player, one of the tallest on the team; his height advantage makes him a good candidate for a guard spot. He lacks varsity experience but is a good playmaker.

—Tom Shearer, a freshman, but a good candidate for the other guard spot if he continues his good practice showing.

—Harry White—the tallest member of the team at six feet two; the smoothest shot on the team and a likely starting forward.

—John Thayer—not too tall but very aggressive; one of the best rebound retrievers around; will supply plenty of speed for the other forward position.

—Richard Repeta—a freshman with varsity experience last year; a top athletic performer at Northfield High; a good bet to take over one of the guard assignments.

Other candidates who might break into the varsity lineup are Fred Fuller, Jim Peryer, Robert Barnes, David Britton, Robert Hafner, David Amsden and Mike Gibson. All are determined to win a place for themselves. The rivalry results in an aggressiveness that may yet make up for lack of height during the games to come.



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Mount Hermon Memorial Chapel
Dr. Arthur Jeffery of Union Theological Seminary, New York City, will be the guest preacher at Mount Hermon school Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Vesper Services

Christmas vesper services will be held on Sunday at Mount Hermon at 4:45 p.m. and at Northfield School for Girls at 8 p.m. A limited number of seats may be available to the public at Mount Hermon. Admission to the Northfield service will be by ticket only.

Advent Christian Church

Public worship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School at 11 a.m. Evening services 7:30 p.m.

Trinitarian Congregational

Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, minister. Irving J. Lawrence, choir director. Mrs. Belle C. Marden, organist. Sunday, 9:45 a.m., church school. Mrs. F. H. Mosse, superintendent; 9:45, adult Bible class meeting in the north tower room; 11, morning worship with sermon.

St. Patrick's Catholic

Main St. Rev. Henry McKeon, pastor. Rev. Anthony Rzatta, curate. Sunday—9:45 a.m., Sunday School—Mass at 10:30.

Northfield Unitarian

Sunday: Rev. Robert S. Slater, minister; Mrs. Francis Reed, organist and choir director. Worship service with sermon at 9:45 a.m. School of religious education at 11 a.m. Superintendent, Mrs. Kenneth Miller; assistants, Mrs. Herman Miner and Kenneth Miller. Worship service and classes.

Northfield Baptist

Main Street. Paul L. Bubar, pastor; Mrs. Dorothy Perry, pianist, Saturday, 7:30 p.m., "Hinspiration" youth rally at the church; Sunday, 8:15 a.m., WHAI morning worship; 10, Sunday school, Mrs. William Messer, superintendent; 11, morning worship with sermon.

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The Rev. Everett Moore performed the ceremony. Mrs. Evelyn White of East Northfield was organist. Miss Joy Moore sang a solo, "O Promise Me."

The bride's stepfather, Walter Tomkins, gave her in marriage. Her gown was of white satin with lace inserts in the sleeves, which were of fingertip length. Inserts were also around her neckline of seed pearls. The gown had a chapel-length train with panels of lace. A fingertip veil was fastened to a pearl and rhinestone tiara. She carried a colonial bouquet of carnations, centered with a removable corsage of white roses.

Matron of honor was a cousin of the bride, Mrs. Jean Momaney of Brattleboro, Vt. Her gown was of ballerina length light pink pastel chiffon over nylon with a tight fitted bodice, Grecian style. She had a matching headpiece and carried a colonial bouquet of yellow, blue and white pompons.

Miss Joan Cote and Miss Evelyn Edson, both of Vernon, were the bridesmaids. Their gowns were orchid chiffon over nylon and pastel blue. They carried colonial bouquets of orchid, yellow and white pompons.

The flower girl was Janice Tomkins, sister of the bride. She wore a dress of pale blue nylon with a net overskirt and a flower headband of roses.

Kenneth Johnson was best man, and ushers were John Koshinsky and Roger Gould.

The bride's mother wore a slate blue taffeta dress with black accessories and a pink rose corsage. The groom's mother wore a blue flowered dress with matching accessories and a pink rose corsage.

The church was decorated with a large basket of carnations and chrysanthemums and evergreen, flanked by candelabra edged with snapdragons.

Members of the Good Neighbors assisted with the serving at the reception which followed the ceremony. The reception was held in the Friendship rooms.

The bride was graduated from Brattleboro High school in 1955 and has been employed at Grant's store in Brattleboro. Whitaker was graduated from Brattleboro High school in 1952 and served with the U. S. Army in Germany for 16 months, being discharged in October with the rank of corporal.

The couple will be at home, following a wedding trip, at the former Bert Newton place, which they recently purchased and furnished. Whitaker will be employed by his father on the farm.

New Gill School Figures Are Noted At Session

The first year's premium on insurance for the new elementary school in Gill will come to about \$1,300. The selectmen, the school building committee and the finance committee came to a decision on the question at their meeting last Friday night. The conference decided that insurance coverage should be at least \$175,000 on the building and an additional \$10,000 on its contents. Motion on the committee decision will be made at a town meeting soon to be called.

Figures showing the cost of the water search, and cost because there was no water for the contractor were given: E. H. Harley, \$6,445.75; Committee search, (including drilling by Raymond Silvonic and surveying by Gordon Ainsworth Associates) \$1,961.91; cost of present supply, \$9,337.07; to George H. Reed, \$4,093, because he had to transport water for building. There was another \$186.88 spent because of no water on the premises; Robert Wert, \$19.20; George Starbuck, \$53.37; and Royal Steam Heater, \$114.31, making the grand total spent for water, \$22,024.61.

Figures released showing expenditures to date are as follows: site, \$5,000; building, \$200,004.97; architect, \$16,994.62; equipment, \$15,935.76; site development, (includes just plantings and flag pole), \$195.13; insurance, (for last year), \$1,200.50; advertising, \$163.70; miscellaneous, \$1,028.08, making a total of \$240,522.76. Of this total, \$684.89 is for survey to other sites, and can not be included in the total bill for 42 per cent aid from the state.

Bills outstanding are: motion picture machine, \$230.50; and paper cutter, \$23.29; totaling \$253.79. Bids that have been made for necessary items are: dark curtains, \$390; stage, \$1,170; a waste

basket, \$17, for a total of \$1,577. Estimates for transportation and installation are as follows: Motion picture screen installation, \$5; dark curtain transportation, \$5;

stage freight and installation, \$20; tray table, \$15, and counter tops, \$20, for a total of \$65. Bills, bids and estimates add up to \$1,895.79.

The sum of \$240,355.67 was appropriated for the construction of the new school on June 20, 1955. To date, \$240,522.76 has been spent; outstanding is \$1,895.79; and a sum approximating \$1,300 is to be requested to pay the insurance premium from June 1, 1956.

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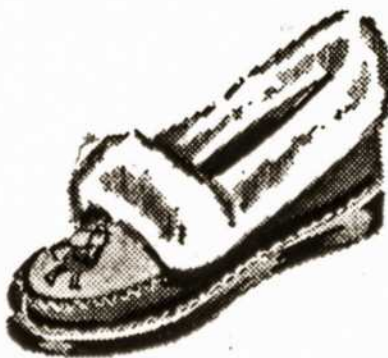
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